Use of Fertilizers in Law Consumption Identified Areas

1214. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned any amount for promotion of use of fertiliser in identified low consumption areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) A National Project on Development of Fertiliser Use in Low Consumption Rainfed Areas was sanctioned for implementation during 1988-89 with a provision of Central Assistance of Rs. 196.94 lakhs. As against this an amount of Rs. 107.12 lakhs was released as central assistance to the State Governments for implementation of the National Project. During 1989-90 an administrative approval of Rs. 159.52 lakhs as central assistance has been issued for implementation of the scheme.

(b) Information is given at enclosed Statements I and II. (See below).

Statement-I

Details of National Project on Development of Fertiliser Use in Low Consumption rainfed area sanctioned during 1989-90

(i) Under this project 64 districts have been identified in 17 States for implementation of the programme. A list of the 64 districts in 17 States covered under this schme is enclosed at Annexure-B.

(ii) Under this project, 200 retail outlets are to be opened in each identified district.

(iii) 8 Field Block demonstrations of 50 hectare each are to be organised in each identified district.

(iv) 8 Farmers' Training Programme are to be organised in each identified district.

(v) There is also a provision of providing assistance for establishment of 5 soil testing laboratories each in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra and 10 in Rajasthan.

(vi) A Regional Soil Testing Laboratory is proposed to be set up under this project in the North-East Region.

Statement II

List of Districts under National Project on Development of Fertiliser use in Low Consumption Rainfed Areas

Sl. No.	State	Districts
1	Karnataka	Dharwar Tumkur,, Kolar, Bijapur, Gulbarga.
2	Tamil Nadu	Dharampuri.
3	Kerala	Mallapuram, Cannanore, Quilon.
4	Gujarat	Bharauch, Ahmedabad, Surendranagar, Banaskan tha, Panchmahal.
5	Andhra Pradesh	Medak, Nalgonda, Mehboobnagar.
6	Rajasthan	Bharatpur, Alwar, Ajmer, Jhalawar, Sirohi, Dunga rpur

Sl. No.	State	Districts
7	Maharashtra	Aurangabad, Beed, Osmanabad, Akola, Satara, Thana, Sholapur, Amravati
8	Madhya Pradesh	Sagar, Shajapur, Vidisha, Bilaspur, Shivpuri, Betul, Rajgarh.
9	Bihar	Purnea, Saharsa, Madhubani, Palamau, Ranchi.
10	West Bengal	West Dinajpur, 24-Parganas, Purlia.
11	Assam	Dibrugarh, Lakhimpur.
12	Orissa	Dhankanal, Sundergarh, Balasore, Mayurbhanj.
13	Haryana	Mohindergarh
14	Uttar Pradesh	Banda, Mirzapur, Almora, Jhansi.
15	Himachal Pradesh	Sirmaur, Kulu.
16	Jammu & Kashmir	Kathua
17	Sikkim	North, South, East, West.

Pending Scripts for Production of Tele-Films

1215. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending at present for tele-films to be produced for Doordarshan as Co-productions;

(b) the number of scripts formally approved so far;

(c) the number of those still pending with the casting committee; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite the clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) All the proposals for tele-films from independent producers are fully financed by Doordarshan under its Commissioned Scheme and these are not in the nature of co-productions. The number of proposals under the Commissioned Scheme pending clearance at the Directorate General, Doordarshan is 102.

(b) Since the introduction of the Commissioning Scheme, 118 proposals for tele-films have been approved.

(c) and (d) 32 proposals are presently pending decision of the Costing Committee which would depend on the programme requirements and availability of funds.

Telecast of award winning films

1216. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shri Homi D. Sethna, Chairman of the jury for the 1989 National Film awards, has recently made serious criticism of the functioning of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry;

(b) whether Shri Sethna listed the award winning films of 1988 which were not shown on Doordarshan;

(c) if so, what were the films which were not shown on the Doordarshan and the reasons therefor; and